

## Solid Waste Services

### Answers to Quiz:

1. Bag count exceeded 10 maximum
2. Debris placed in plastic bags
3. Rocks are not allowed in cart
4. Dirt is not allowed in cart
5. Twigs extend more than 2 feet beyond cart

### Did you know that...

- The City of Durham collected more than 13,367 tons of yard waste in 2012.
- Recycled yard waste is converted into consumer products.
- In the State of North Carolina, yard waste **CANNOT** be mixed with any other disposable waste and must be handled separately.
- Only paper, biodegradable bags are accepted at the yard waste facility. Never place yard waste in any type of plastic bag for collection.

**Garbage** – Set out your green garbage cart by 6 a.m. to be collected weekly.

**Recycling** – Fill your blue recycling cart and set it out every other week by 6 a.m. on the same day as your garbage collection.

**Bulky Item** – Place up to three bulk items at the curb, unobstructed from tree limbs and power lines, on your garbage collection day. See our website for acceptable items.

**Television Collection** – Schedule an appointment with Durham One Call to have your 32 inch (diagonal) or larger television set collected curbside. Smaller television sets can be dropped off at the

**Waste Reduction Information Sessions** – Contact us to present at schools, neighborhood associations, and other groups about waste reduction.

**Transfer Station** – Drop off household garbage, tires without rims, roofing shingles and other materials. *\* Fees may be charged by the load.*

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**Household Hazardous Waste Center** – Dispose of your fluorescent light bulbs, garden chemicals, and other household cleaners properly.

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webpage at  
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## Welcome to the Yard Waste Program



**Solid Waste Management Department**  
1833 Camden Avenue  
Durham, NC 27704



**Durham One Call:** (919) 560-1200  
**Fax:** (919) 560-1197

## We appreciate your cooperation in advance!

You have decided to receive yard waste collection services with the option to renew at the end of each fiscal year by June 30.

Please remember to contact us in the event of an address change.



### What do I need to know about my service?

Yard waste should be set out on the same day as your garbage collection by 6 a.m. It will then be noted that you have a set out and it will be collected the next day.

Yard waste includes leaves, grass, shrub clippings, garden residue, and twigs.

You are entitled to two free bulky brush collections per fiscal year. Your bulky brush must not exceed 4 cubic yards or one average size pickup truck. Excess debris will be charged.



Call **(919) 560-1200** for more information or to schedule a pick up. Please note that you must schedule a bulky brush pick up at least 24 hours prior to your yard waste collection day.

### How should I prepare my yard waste for collection?

Continue to partner with us to keep our employees safe. Prepare your yard waste in the following manner:

- Always use cart with valid sticker first. No more than 10 bags will be collected at a time. Bags should be positioned close to the cart for collection.
- Secure cart by closing lid completely. Trim additional material so that only 2 feet of branches/debris extend out of the cart.
- Branches should be cut and bundled no more than 18 inches in diameter and no more than 75 lbs in weight. No single branch should exceed 6 inches in diameter.
- Weight of cart should be no more than 100 lbs. and weight of biodegradable bags should be no more than 25 lbs.

#### Improper yard waste set out could result in;

- Additional safety risk for crew who physically rolls cart and lift debris upwards of 175 lbs.
- Additional wear-and-tear of our vehicles. Vehicles are designed to hold specific kinds of debris (not rocks nor dirt).
- Non-collection. Your cart will be tagged indicating how to correct preparation. The cart will be collected the next collection day.

## Pop Quiz

Each picture shows an improper set out, which would result in non-collection. Can you guess what's wrong with each set out?

*Answers to the quiz are on the back panel.*

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2.



3.



4.



5.



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